

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3275
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Federal law requires that emergency evacuation routes be designated in order to provide for the evacuation of people who might be affected by an emergency incident at a nuclear generating power plant. The purpose of this bill is to direct the Texas Transportation Commission to give funding priority to highway construction projects in Texas that would enhance such federally designated emergency evacuation routes.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Adds subsection (c) to Section 222.034, Transportation Code, to direct the commission to give funding priority to construction projects that enhance federally designated emergency evacuation.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The committee substitute makes no substantive changes from the original.

It clarifies in the caption that the substitute bill relates to the distribution of federal funds for highway projects; the original states transportation projects.

The substitute adds that the added language in Subsection (c) is notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this Section of Transportation Code.